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a month ago, the Shukriya [Shukriya] a local committee of the Arab Nationalist Movement (ANM) in Beirut, was formed to collect money to buy arms. The ANM is a political party that wants to make Lebanon an either Arab or Communist state. Harraf says Harraf wants them Arabs and either Communist or Arab. Harraf was at first unwilling to go ahead because, he said, he had people here friends high up in the government and they might be in trouble for him if he goes around for the Shukriya. But he says he's out, come back and continue the job with gun-running.

Harraf now turns out to his work in gun-running. He has borrowed money from Palestinians living in the Syrian border and is trying to buy rifles and other stuff for rebels. Yesterday, the 2nd of April, he left for Alexandria with an Egyptian Army Lieutenant (the same who also accompanied Abdel Asmyia to Gaza a few days ago) to buy krebs reported to be on sale for 45 pounds. He expects to take these with him when he leaves - allah knows when - in a private car. He's going along, of course. I'm not involved in any way with his dealings and I have no fear of any kind. Harraf also went to Alexandria, got some cash from his relatives and has plunged about 150 pounds in the purchase of a high class revolver and some almost new guns. The plan is to take these back with us by car.

Harraf has obtained an open visa for three months - he can come and go without renewing it and without question. His plan is to get more money from the committee and some from his brother and go into gun-running in a big way. His regular work is that of a rebel. The Jesus on him about 700 pounds, he said, and he has no chance of collecting. He is pretty well-to-do financially, but one of the stingiest men I have met, borrowing my razor, coat, etc., until I put a stop to it. One of the shadiest men, too, incidentally - but I suppose that has no place in this report. He said I'm not certainly not conscious!

One of the Palestinians we met is Abdullah, Abdullah Abdullah Abdullah, a "spiritual autocrat," at 28 Shad el Shad. He threw money parties for government and Arab League officials, and also steals to procuring. Harraf refused to pay. I submit the photograph showing Harraf to the left, Abdullah in the middle and Harraf at the right.

The other photograph shows Harraf with another I agged up guerrilla leader of the ANM, Abdullah Abdullah Abdullah.

I have had it confirmed from many sources, and the latest information is Hamza Abu Rashid, editor of al Shab that many Lebanese soldiers have "left the army" and are at this moment in Alexandria. They want in without uniforms. Now about arms, I asked Abu Rashid, whom I cited as one of the many I asked: "They have taken them with them," he said. The big, heavy stuff will follow, and it's likely that by the 15th there'll be a massive contingent in Alexandria from all over the area.

Abdullah is carrying a lot of arms now, believe me. They don't like his Governor or Government, and are up in that of Abdullah, or so on, will want to stay in. The right won't be there, so on. "So will

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the fact of an official statement to the effect that the Egyptian government is not in agreement with the Arab League's stand. I can see that no such statement could not be given in the Egyptian journal. I wonder why the thing is not out now in its form.

At any rate, my information is that the Egyptian government has moved in on the 12th of the month and will be borne out, I only now. If the Jews stop the firing now, or if the Egyptians send any help (I wonder if this will be interpreted to include Arab League members), then indications are that Arab states would talk officially. Right now nothing official is visible.

But here is a significant change. Up to two weeks ago when I left Cairo, one hardly saw an Egyptian Army Officer at the Arab League office on Shari Boston. Now the place is filled with them, men in their summer uniforms walking in and out constantly. Yesterday, April 21st, I saw a truck loading about 800 or 1,000 barrels and army caskets. They were piled in the yard, they were being made into small bundles and loaded on a truck. Indications are that if the Jews stop any shooting at all they'll be rushed from all sides - as the poor blacks are doomed either way, it seems, from a military stand-point.

A Jewish source said that the Egyptians do not want to help too much because they fear that soldiers used to fighting will want to continue fighting on their return. This is probably true. But though the government may not officially want to be involved in and move their tanks, planes and arms, the people have already been whipped up, and Arab fervor will further whip up public sentiment. In that case, public pressure will compel Arab states to send more and more aid as Jews show more and more resistance. So it looks to be that the fight is going to get bigger and bigger, hotter and hotter if Jews get up an impressive defense at all.

It's only when Egyptian and Palestinian volunteers fire action. It's not at all increased. Currently seems to be having a tough time by himself. The decisive will try what will be made by 1) the Arab Legion of Abdullah, and 2) the soldiers of the Arab states now marching in. I suppose these will be commanded by regular army commanders. If so, they should present a rather formidable force and make a good military showing. The fight is going to get bigger and bigger - that is the significant thing. ... public info. small bat or rings, bigger and bigger rocks or ... being thrown into the ring, rolling big, and bigger circles.

All guns purchased by Egyptians or others for sale this way, are normally turned over to the Arab League, which in turn sends them by truck to Arab or half-Arab, mainly half, there to be picked up by the purchaser who can move around freely.

General: is big in business. At the Arab League's headquarters there were at least ten men who admitted they were in town for the purpose. One of those was Ahmad el-Sabir of Palestine, a man of considerable and he invited us all to dinner.

The major General who we chose to call "rab ber-ros" and I are exceptions dinner is also in town for no sure purpose. We know each